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SUBJECT: TRADE ACT OF 1974-GSP

REF: STATE 028219

1. WE DECIDED TO AWAIT RETURN OF FONMIN RAMPHAL FROM EEC/ACP NEGOTIATIONS TO RAISE AGAIN THE QUESTION OF EXPRESSION OF DESIRE TO BE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (BDC). I WAS ABLE TO SEE RAMPHAL FEB. 21 AND CONVEYED TO HIM THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL.

2. RAMPHAL SAID THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS MOST TIMELY SINCE CARICOM FONMINS WILL BE MEETING NEXT WEEK IN BARBADOS, AND RAMPHAL BELIEVES IT WOULD BE BY FAR THE SAFEST AND MOST RAPID WAY TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION AT THAT MEETING. RAMPHAL FOR ONE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CAST GUYANA'S VOTE IN FAVOR OF A CARICOM RESPONSE INDICATING THE MEMBERS OF CARICOM WOULD ACCEPT INCLUSION
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IN A PUBLISHED LIST OF DESIGNATED BDC'S UNDER THE TITLE FIVE

PROVISIONS OF TRADE ACT. HE SUGGESTED THAT I CALL CARICOM'S SECRETARY GENERAL MCINTYRE IN ORDER TO GIVE HIM IDENTICAL BRIEFING AND SEEK HIS AGREEMENT TO RAISE THE MATTER IN BARBADOS.

3. I SPOKE TO MCINTYRE AND HE TOO WAS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF THIS PROCEDURE AND SAID HE WOULD COORDINATE WITH RAMPHAL ON HANDLING IT NEXT WEEK ALONG LINES INDICATED BY RAMPHAL. HE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT OTHER MEMBERS WOULD FIND THIS PROCEDURE ACCEPTABLE AND THAT HE OR RAMPHAL WOULD LET ME KNOW RESULTS OF THE MEETING.

4. SUGGEST INFO ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO MAKE SIMILAR DEMARCHE.
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